

In the Claims:

Kindly add the following new claim:

B' --17. The combination according to claim 1 wherein the agrochemically active compound is iodosulfuron or a salt thereof and the polymer is polyvinylalcohol.--

REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species, Applicants elect the herbicidal composition of claim 17. If a further response is necessary, Applicants elect the combination wherein the polyvinylalcohol polymer is MOWIOL. All the claims read upon the elected composition. Applicants traverse this requirement if it means that the Examiner will not search other compositions if it is determined that the elected composition is found allowable.

Example 1 supports claim 17. Thus no new matter is added by this claim.

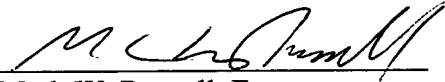
Applicants traverse the election on the grounds that the Requirement does not establish that searching all the compositions constitutes an undue burden and because it is contrary to public policy since it does not establish how many inventions are present. Hence, it is impossible for Applicants to mitigate the effect of decreased patent protection in the divisional applications as they do not know how inventions, and thus divisional applications, the U.S. Patent Office believes are present in the application.

It is believed that no fee is required for the consideration of the paper. If, however, a fee is required, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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